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Definition of Electrification of a Village
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the definition of electrification of a village as per the Government guidelines has led to a faulty and erroneous calculation of data of rural electrification completed in the country as it doesn't take into account the actual electricity connection or its supply to the households; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to rectify the mistakes in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
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(a) & (b) : According to Rural Electrification Policy 2006, a village is reported as electrified, if

i) basic infrastructure such as Distribution Transformer and Distribution Lines are provided in the inhabited locality as well as the locality inhabited by weaker sections of the society/hamlet where it exists,

ii) electricity is provided to public places like Schools, Panchayat Office, Health Centres, Dispensaries, Community Centres etc., and

iii) the number of household electrified should be at least 10% of the total number of households in the village.

A village is reported to be electrified by the States, if it fulfills the above mentioned norms. However, level of infrastructure may vary in different habitations of the same village.

To supplement the efforts of the States, Government of India has taken up a joint initiative with all States/UTs for preparation of State specific documents for providing 24x7 power supply to all households/homes, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy. All the State Governments and Union Territories have signed the "24X7 Power For All" agreement with the Union Government.

Government of India supplements the efforts of States through its schemes including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) etc.

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